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2. Thousands of drums of gasoline and lubricating oil of Russian origin, are arriving in Tientsin and being stored in the vicinity of the Tientsin Race Club.
3. Large quantities of imported crude rubber have arrived in Tientsin and are being stockpiled.
4. More and more Soviet citizens in civilian dress have been noted in and around Tientsin.
5. A number of new factories have sprung up in Tientsin. They are engaged in the making and putting together of [?assembling?] Soviet trucks and tanks.
6. New rubber factories are in operation processing the crude rubber supplies.
7. There are factories turning out guns.
8. In summing up conditions, Tientsin looks like a city preparing full tilt for war.
9. What follows are my own notes on these items.

- 25X1 10. In March 1950, [REDACTED] it was conservatively estimated that there were 20 thousand Soviet citizens quartered in the Tientsin area under the USSR Military and Cultural Relations with China plan. These were distinct from the China Soviet citizens, with whom they did not associate.
11. It is reasonable to assume that the factories engaged in rubber operations are rebuilding and recapping old tires. They may also produce a limited category of rubber military supplies.

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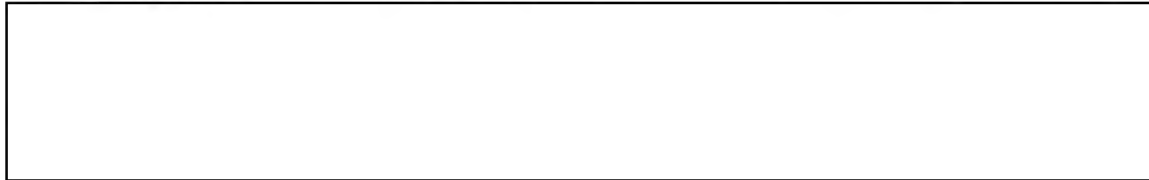
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12. The "factories turning out guns" are probably the former Kuomintang arsenal in the Hopei area of Tientsin and/or the Japanese military depots which extend for 25X1 a distance of two miles northward from the former Belgian Concession.



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